

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 15, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-19 were pending, that claims 10-12, 17 and 18 have been withdrawn from consideration, allowed claims 1-9 and rejected claims 13-16 and 19. Claims 13-16 and 19 have been amended, claims 10-12, 17 and 18 have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-9, 13-16 and 19 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and objections are traversed below.

On page 2 of the Action, the Examiner objected to the specification and rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. section 112, paragraph 1 for failure to meet the written description requirement. Claim 19 has been amended and the Examiner is invited to review figures 7 and 8 and the description thereof for the written support. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. The claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments and it is submitted they satisfy the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Suggestions by the Examiner are also welcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

On page 5, the Examiner indicated that claims 13-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the above noted rejection. Allowance of claims 13-16 is requested.

Page 4 of the Office Action rejects claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Jackson. Amended claim 19 distinguishes over Jackson based on the following structure that includes:

- a second display screen displayed when the first sort key is selected and comprising:
- the first and second sort keys having the first and second colors, respectively;
- the first set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having a color different from the first color; and
- a second set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having the first color

In contrast, Jackson discloses in column 11, lines 48-50:

Each node reflects the visual designation, by color, pattern or other means, of the data subset that is applied in the chart.

That is, Jackson merely discloses that data subset on the chart where a cursor is placed and each node corresponding to the data subset are displayed with the same color or pattern, etc. Jackson does not disclose the structure where on a second screen, the first set of keys corresponding to the operated sort key is changed to a different color, and a new (second) set of

keys is displayed with relation to the sort key with the same color as is related in claim 19. Jackson does not teach nor suggest the structure of amended claim 19.

It is submitted that the independent claim 19 distinguishes over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. It is also submitted that claims 1-9 and 13-16 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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